GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

CAF & CS DEPARTMENT – Inferior Quality / Recycled Rice – Delivery of Inferior Quality Rice under CMR – Constitution of District Level Task Force Teams to conduct inspections on Godowns where PDS Rice kept - Orders – Issued.

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CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & CIVIL SUPPLIES (CS-I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 9 Dated: 23-05-2018

Read the following:

1. The National Food Security Act, 2013
2. G.O.Ms.No.18 CA. F & C.S. Department dtd;08-11-2017
3. The Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules 2011.
4. G.O.Ms.No.335 Finance (SMPC.I) Department dtd:20-12-2012

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O R D E R:

According to the National Food Security Act, 2013, Government have to provide food and nutritional support by ensuring access to adequate quantity of quality food at affordable prices to BPL people.

2. Despite issue of specific guidelines, instances were brought to notice that inferior quality of rice is being received by APSCSCL under CMR from rice mills Points and the same is distributed to the beneficiaries under Public Distribution System and Other Welfare Schemes. This defeats the very purpose of the NFSA 2013, i.e. supply of quality foodgrains.

3. Therefore, to strengthen the vigilance system to streamline the supply of quality rice with correct weighment to the beneficiaries and to curb the recycling of PDS rice, District Level Task Force Teams headed by District Supply Officer are hereby constituted for each district with the following Officers:

1. District Supply Officer Member
2. Deputy Collector (District Vigilance Cell) - Member (Nellore, Prakasam, Guntur, Chittoor districts)
3. District Manager, APSCSCL – Member
4. Assistant Controller (LM) – Member
5. Assistant Manager (Technical) APSCSCL – Member

4. The above District Level Task Force Teams shall visit buffer / investor godowns, MLS points attached godowns, Rice Mills etc., where the PDS rice is kept, and check the quality and quantity of rice supplied / intended to be supplied under CMR as per guidelines issued under the DCP from time to time.

The Task force teams shall also check the following :

- Lots in the godown shall be checked as per fifth schedule of the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) 2011 as indicated below :

Sl.No	Inspection lot size	Sample size	. Correction factor	Number of packages showing an error more than the maximum permissible error
1	100 to 500	50	0.379	3
2	501 to 3200	80	0.295	5
3	More than 3200	125	0.234	7

- Following the above procedure, 100% lots shall be checked.
- The Assistant Controller, Legal Metrology department shall accompany the Task force team along with weighing scale and standard weights.
- The Assistant Controller, Legal Metrology department shall also check, whether the bags are as per Rule 6 of the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) 2011 and the following mandatory declarations are followed by the rice miller while delivering CMR consignment :

    1. Name & address of the manufacturer/ packer
    2. Common/generic name of the commodity contained in the package
    3. Net quantity
    4. Month and year of packing
    5. Consumer care number.

- While conducting inspection, the Assistant Controller, Legal Metrology has to follow Rule 6, 19 and 20 of the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) 2011.
- The Assistant Manager (Technical) APSCSCL shall see the quality of rice and whether the godown is being maintained as per protocols of scientific godowns such as periodical fumigation, spraying, use of tablets etc, followed as per schedule prescribed, for storage of rice.
- The Assistant Manager (Technical) APSCSCL shall give clear opinion on quality of rice and maintenance of protocol of buffer / investor godown to the Task force team on the above issues.

- The Technical person employed by the APSCSCL shall assist the Task force team to test the quality of the samples taken from the bags randomly and show the records maintained by them.
- The Task force team shall conduct check on all the consignments received from the rice mills by the buffer / investor godowns and MLS Point attached File No.FCS02-Pds1025/6/2018-SUPDT.PDS-CCS godowns under CMR during the KMS

5. If any substandard quality of rice / violation of guidelines found, the team has to submit report to the District Collector for taking necessary action against the concerned and also against the rice millers as per the A.P. Rice Procurement (Levy) Order 1984 and the Essential Commodities Act, 1955. The Asst. Controller LM shall also take action as per the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules 2011 against the rice miller who has delivered the rice under CMR violating the Rules. A copy of a report shall also invariably be sent to the Commissioner of Civil Supplies, the Vice Chairman & Managing Director, A.P. State Civil Supplies Corporation Limited and Controller of Legal Metrology, Vijayawada

6. The Vice Chairman & Managing Director, A.P. State Civil Supplies Corporation Limited shall direct the rice millers, also print all mandatory Packing declarations as per Rule 6 of the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules 2011 at one place on a LDPE (Low Density Poly Ethylene) Paper and the same shall be stitched to the Gunny bag to comply with the provisions of Legal Metrology Act 2009 along with other details.

7. All the Collectors and Collectors (CS) shall take action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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To
The Commissioner of Civil Supplies, Vijayawada
The Director of Civil Supplies, Vijayawada
The Vice Chairman & Managing Director,
A.P. State Civil Supplies Corporation Limited, Vijayawada.
The Controller of Legal Metrology, Vijayawada.
All District Collectors
All Collectors (CS) Deputy Collector (District Vigilance Cell) in Nellore, Prakasam, Guntur and Chittoor districts.
All DSOs and District Managers of APSCSC Ltd.

// FORWRDED BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER